

# METHOD FOR, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF, A LONG-DISTANCE WELL FOR THE PRODUCTION, TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL LAYERS AND FLUIDS

## ABSTRACT

5           A method is described for the construction of an arrangement of Extended  
Reach Wells (ERW) for the production, transport, and exploitation of mineral  
layers, in that an offshore reservoir of fluids is initially penetrated by an initial  
well, followed by penetration by a multilateral well, close to or connected at the  
end of the drilling section of the multilateral well to the end of the drilling section  
10 of the initial well. A well of long distance is therefore formed, connected  
hydraulically at one end of the initial well to the production unit. The resulting  
long-distance well allows for the drainage of the reservoir in deep and extremely  
deep water from a platform in shallower water.